(c) and (d) Yes Sir, a Working Group has been constituted by RBI to examine the possibility of CIBIL performing the role of collecting and disseminating information of suit-filed accounts and defaulters, including wilful defaulters and other aspects of information collection and dissemination. The Group has submitted its report to RBI on 7th February, 2002.

(e) CIBIL proposes to provide the data on suit-filed accounts on-line when the system of CIBIL is operationalised with the necessary technological capabilities.

Exemption of GFR for Kendriya Bhandar

581. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have exempted the procedure laid down in Chapter 8 of the General Financial Rules (GFR) in the purchase of stationery and other items from the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said exemption has proved detrimental to the financial interest of the State in selling stationery and other items at higher than the market rates;

(d) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the exemption, and if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) to (e) With a view to promote cooperative movement, Department of Personnel and Training (DOP and T) in consultation with this Ministry had issued an Order dated 14.7.1981 which made it incumbent on all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/or controlled by Government to make all local purchases of stationery and other items only from Kendriya Bhandar in relaxation of the procedure of inviting tenders/ quotations prescribed in GFRs. Keeping in view the ongoing policy of liberalisation of the economy and the emphasis on making Govt. organisations competitive and self-striving, the question of reviewing the existing special dispensation given to Kendriya Bhandar, etc. and instread following the provisions of GFRs is under active consideration of this Ministry and DOP & T.